

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs.1-5. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-5, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-5.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claim 1 is amended, the drawings are amended, and no claims are canceled or added herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to; Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,642,713 to Ohira; and Claims 3 and 4 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

With regard to the objection to the drawings, Figures 1-5 are now designated as prior art. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), that rejection is respectfully traversed. The applied art does not teach or suggest that in the middle of the tape guide traveling to a predetermined position, the tape guide arm member is made to move along a groove provided in the fixed chassis to determine the position in the chassis plane direction and is guided and moved by the projections provided on a lower surface of the tape guide arm member to determine the position in the height direction, as claimed in Claim 1.

The Office Action relies on (AAPA) to teach the features discussed above with respect to Claim 1. Applicants respectfully assert that the AAPA does not disclose all the feature discussed above. Specifically, AAPA discloses, as best shown in Figure 4, a tape guide arm member 20 which constitutes the tape guide mechanism and a tape guide 17 placed on the arm member 20. A rotary fulcrum shaft of the tape guide arm member 20 is constructed for accurate rotation such that a fulcrum shaft 21 is inserted to be engaged with a long bearing boss 24 fixed to the movable chassis 1. A cam shaft 22 that is vertically

provided on the guide arm member 20, acts together with the movable chassis 1 and moves in a guide groove 23 of the fixed chassis 2 and in a rotation groove 22a. The tape guide arm member 20 is forced in a counterclockwise direction by a spring means. In addition, the height can be adjusted by using a screw driver for a concave portion 17a with a groove on top of the tape guide 17. Numeral 17b is a spring means of an auxiliary component for adjusting the height.

Thus, the features recited above in Claim 1 are not shown in the applied art. Again, as discussed with respect to Figure 4 and also as can be seen from Figure 5 in AAPA, there is no teaching, disclosure or suggestion, nor does the Office Action particularly direct Applicant's attention to any teaching in AAPA for having the tape guide arm member guided and moved by the projections provided on a lower surface of the tape guide arm member to determine the position in the height direction.

As noted above, AAPA does not disclose all of the features recited in Claim 1. Ohira is not relied upon by the outstanding Office Action to provide the features identified as deficient in AAPA and therefore is not substantively addressed herewith. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1-2 based on 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over AAPA in view of Ohira be withdrawn.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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